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The number of industrial enterprises operating at present in the Jewish Autonomous Oblast totals 56, whereas there were only 23 enterprises in 1934, the year the oblast was founded. Production output in fixed prices increased 9½ times since 1934. The oblast's enterprises produce ready-made clothing, footwear, knitted goods, textiles, paper, felt footwear, galvanized ware, household cast iron, small agricultural equipment, barrels, plywood, commercial timber, furniture, carts, lime.

The sown area has increased more than 3 times over 1934. The number of large horned cattle has increased 2.7 times, pigs 4.7 times, and apiculture has grown 1.6 times.

Locomotive engineers of the Obluch'ye and In depots of the Far Eastern Railroad System have been active in the drive to increase the hauling of heavily loaded trains. As a result, more than one million tons of freight were transported above plan in the last 3 months.

The plans for the next few years provide for construction and completion of several construction materials enterprises, a city heat and power plant in Birobidzhan, shoe and sewing factories, a standard house-building combine, a large timber management, timber combine, macaroni factory, and other enterprises. During 1949, the oblast expects to receive 1,600 families of migrants.

Although the oblast's industry as a whole fulfilled the 1948 plan 103.4 percent, 28 industrial enterprises did not complete their 1948 production plans.

In 1949, it will be necessary to provide electric facilities for the majority of kolkhoses in Leningkiy Rayon, to construct the Bidzhan Interkolhoz GES, to provide electricity to all kolkhoses of Sverdlovskiy Rayon, to start construction of a hydroelectric power plant on the Bol'shaya Samarka River in Stalinakiy Rayon. It is estimated that the complete radiofication of the oblast will have been completed in 1950.

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